

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

REGULAR MEETING

February 14, 2002, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Petition NStar Electric for a grant of location for about 7 feet of conduit at 137 Sycamore St., from existing pole #329/18 to a point of pickup at the back of the sidewalk.
2. Petition Verizon New England for a grant of location for about 6 feet of conduit at 137 Sycamore St., from existing pole #329/18 to private property.
3. Petition New Garage License for Gene Automotive repair at 463 McGrath Hwy.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

4. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Curtatone, Connolly and the Entire Board**
That this Board of Aldermen does hereby request that the Administration analyze and evaluate the changing of the City's insurance status from self to privately insured.
5. Order **Submitted By Ald. Curtatone and the Entire Board**
That the City Solicitor respond to a previous Board of Aldermen Order requesting the drafting of legislation for the regulation of yard sales.
6. Resolution **Submitted by Ald. White and Entire Board**
Re: the Transportation Plan of the Boston Metropolitan Planning Office.
7. Order **Submitted By Ald. Tarpley, Curtatone, White, Provost and Desmond**
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform the new owners at Precision Storage on Dane St. that they are required to keep the sidewalk on Somerville Ave. clear of debris per the agreement with the pervious owners.

8. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the areas around the Public Safety Building and along Medford St. from Somerville Ave. to the Cambridge line.
9. Order That the Chief of Police assign a directed patrol at the Twin City Plaza on Fridays and Saturdays at approximately 1:00 AM, to discourage the gatherings of groups of people who are creating a nuisance with loud noises.
10. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Licensing Commission inform the owner(s) of the Twin City Plaza McDonald's to take the appropriate steps to eliminate the loitering which is becoming a nuisance outside of this establishment.
11. Order That the Chief of Police assign a directed patrol at the McGrath Highway intersection for late night "racers" on Friday and Saturday nights, and that that the Chief also request the assistance of the State Police in the matter.
12. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the MDC clean under the McGrath Highway overpass as well as the tunnel from Somerville Ave.
13. Order **Submitted By Ald. Taylor**
That the Directors of the Board of Health and Inspectional Services address the trash problem at 8 Belmont St.
14. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking adjust the directional signage at the intersection of Bow and Summer Sts., to avoid confusion by motorists ending up on Summer St. and not Somerville Ave.
15. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking assess the possibility of converting the blinking lights at the corner of Summer and Lowell Sts. to full cycle lights.
16. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police monitor Summer St. between Bow St. and Porter St. for heavy truck traffic during the early evening hours.
17. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works make an extra effort to clean and to continually monitor the cleanliness of Union Sq.
18. Order That the Superintendent of Highways and the Director of OHCD evaluate the possibility of planting trees at the corner of Berkeley and School Sts.

19. Order That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to the Code of Ordinances creating a fine for the feeding of pigeons on public property.
20. Order **Submitted By Ald. Roche**
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti from the side of the building at the corner of Illinois Ave. and Broadway.
21. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services stop all illegal activities at 34 Flint St. specifically related to the repair of taxi cabs in the driveway on weekends.
22. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing Myrtle St. sign at Washington St.
23. Order That the Director of the Board of Health and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services investigate 7 Dell St. for any and all violations specifically related to operating a rooming house or maintaining an illegal apartment in the basement, construction debris and garbage scattered around the property, and operating a construction business in a residential district.
24. Order That the Director of the Board of Health investigate the premises at 90-92 Broadway for an overflowing dumpster and determine why the responsible party no longer maintains two dumpsters, as previously agreed to after many other such problems.
25. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police monitor 191 Broadway in the early morning hours (6:00-8:00 AM) and early evening hours (4:00-6:00 PM) for vehicles parked in the bus stop or across the sidewalk, impeding pedestrian traffic.
26. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of the Board of Health investigate the premises at 31 Florence St. for any and all illegal activities or health issues, specifically if the premises is being used as a rooming house.
27. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police monitor the loading zone on Franklin St. near Broadway to be sure it is clear for deliveries to nearby businesses.

28. Order **Submitted By Ald. Roche and Taylor**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the blinking traffic signals at Walnut St. and Pearl St. and at Walnut St. and Medford St. as it is a hazard for pedestrians attempting to cross these intersections, and many fender benders have happened since the lights have been flashing.
29. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Connolly**
That the Dedication Committee consider naming the intersection of Hall and College Aves. as "Thomas Boyle Square" in memory of his many years of service to the City, its citizens and especially our Veterans.
30. Order
That the Superintendent of Highways repair and/or replace the uplifted sidewalk panels at 21 Cherry St. ASAP, as they are causing a hazard to pedestrians, and advise the homeowner of the repair date.
31. Order
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol from midnight to 8:00 AM in the Cherry St. neighborhood, due to the numerous incidents of automobile vandalism in recent weeks.
32. Order
That the Superintendent of Highways repair or replace the asphalt overlay on College Ave. from the Powderhouse Rotary to Dearborn Rd.
33. Order
That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of the Board of Health inspect the properties at 167, 171, 187 and 197 College Ave. for improper storage of trash at the front of the properties, and notify owner(s) of this apparent violation.
34. Order
That the City Solicitor advise this Board of Aldermen and its Committee on Licenses and Permits in writing ASAP, on the status of the Self-Service Gasoline Systems Ordinance (Section 8-12) of the Code of Ordinances, and advise as to what department is responsible for the inspection and enforcement of this Ordinance.
35. Order
That the City Solicitor advise this Board of Aldermen in writing, prior to its next regular meeting, of the present status of the Somerville Traffic Board, and the process for hearing appeals of Traffic Commission decisions.
36. Order **Submitted By Ald. McCallum and White**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign at the corner of Radcliffe Rd. and James St., as the James St. sign is missing.

37. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the ONE WAY and STOP signs in the Broadway median strip at Walnut St.
38. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines repair the light in front of 393 Medford St.
39. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the debris from the area at Walnut and Pearl Sts.
40. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the street sign and STOP sign at the corner of Main St. and Edgar Ave.
41. Resolution That the Administration provide a list of all new construction projects to all local union construction companies and encourage all Somerville unions to bid on these projects, and that the Ward Four Alderman be provided with a list of all contractors who are presently performing work on city projects.
42. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Taylor**
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the hole in the crosswalk at the corner of Benton Rd. and Highland Ave. on the even side of the street.
43. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street around the sewer located on Benton Rd. at the intersection of Benton Rd. and Westwood Rd.
44. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond**
That the Superintendent of Highways remove the graffiti from the traffic control box on Holland St. in front of Hodgkins Park, and from the signal control box within the Powderhouse Rotary.
45. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify NStar to repair the lights located within Perry Park, as the entire park is in complete darkness during the evening.
46. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works install a street sign for Morgan St. at the corner of Morgan and Park Sts.
47. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the areas that have sunk around 59 and 65 Marion St.
48. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the hole in the crosswalk around the gate box at the corner of Washington and Perry Sts.

49. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the DO NOT ENTER sign located at the corner of Rossmore St. and Somerville Ave, as it has faded and is not visible at night.
50. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the DO NOT ENTER sign at the corner of Marion and Perry Sts.
51. Order That the Superintendent of Highways review the conditions of the following streets for future repair and reconstruction, as these sections of streets are heaved with patched areas and depressions from the infrastructure work done previously: Albion St. from Lowell to Cedar Sts., Summer St. from Cedar St. to Cutter Ave., Park St. from the railroad tracks to Beacon St., and Beacon St. from Washington St. to the Cambridge line heading west.
52. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Halloran**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the sign pole that is leaning at the corner of Victoria St. and Broadway.
53. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify NStar to repair the following: 1) Two street light poles located on Powderhouse Blvd. on the right and left sides of the entrance to the Clarendon Hills development are missing the cover plates. 2) The light pole located on the intersecting island of Alewife Brook Parkway and Powderhouse Blvd. on the west side of the island facing the ball field.
54. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Connolly**
That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify NStar to repair the inoperable street light that is located at the corner of Summer and Hancock Sts.
55. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing cover plate on the signal pole located at the corner of Summer and Cedar Sts., as the wires are exposed and accessible by children.
56. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Roche**
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sign attached to the pole above the monument "Simpson Square" located on Broadway in front of 255 Broadway.
57. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify the appropriate State agency to remove the sign pole stub sticking up on the island in front of the crosswalk at the intersection of Broadway and McGrath Highway near the Haddad Gas Station.

58. Order **Submitted By Ald. Curtatone and Desmond**
That the Commissioner of Public Works re-paint the Prospect Hill Tower this spring, and report back to this Board's Subcommittee on Public Works and Public Utilities in writing within one week.
59. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board as to whether a Traffic Board as defined by Chapter 397 of the Acts of 1978, currently exists in this City, and what is the procedure for conducting appeals brought pursuant to that Chapter.
60. Order
That representatives of the appropriate departments meet with this Board to brief its members on the latest Regional Truck Study Report of the Central Transportation Planning Staff, and to discuss an appropriate response to its recommendation that Broadway be designated as a truck route.
61. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost, Taylor and White**
That the City Clerk, or any other person having custody of the report and recommendations made by this City's Graffiti Task Force in 1995/96, make copies of that report available to this Board, and that the City Solicitor review the City's present graffiti removal policy for conformance with law and possible legal liability issues.
62. Order **Submitted By Ald. McCallum and White**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign at the corner of Thurston and Medford Sts.
63. Order **Submitted by Ald. O'Donovan**
That the Office of Housing and Community Development notify all interested parties that the Trum Field renovations meeting has been rescheduled until February 19 at 7:00 PM at the Sons of Italy Hall on Alfred St., across from Trum Field.
64. Order
That the Committee on License and Permits entertain a two-year renewal process for constables rather than the current one-year renewal.
65. Order **Submitted by Ald. O'Donovan and Roche**
That the Inspectional Services Department inspect the rear of the property formerly known as El Hyde on Clyde Street for illegal dumping of materials.
66. Order
That the Traffic and Parking Department place an employee at City Hall every Thursday evening until 7:30 PM to allow people to handle affairs after typical work hours.

67. Order **Submitted by Ald. O'Donovan, McCallum and Provost**
That the Department of Public Works and Veterans Affairs place a sign and flag at the open lot at Medford St. and Partridge Ave. commemorating the first flag raising at Iwo Jima during WWII.
68. Order That the Department of Public Works' Sewage Division view the sewers in and around the area of Boston and Pearson Ave., which during snow storms release a terrible odor.
69. Order That the Traffic and Parking Department appear at the next Board of Aldermen meeting to explain their schedule/plan for square enhancements throughout the city, as they have achieved in both Teele and Davis Squares thus far.
70. Resolution That the Administration consolidate, under one umbrella, the departments of Youth Services, Recreation, Council on Aging, Arts Council, and any other department that will prevent waste and duplication of services and save the taxpayer dollars.
71. Order **Submitted by Ald. O'Donovan and Provost**
That the Department of Lights and Lines replace the bulbs in the two new street lights on Warwick St. with bulbs of less wattage.
72. Order **Submitted by Ald. Tarpley**
That the Director of Inspectional Services inform the new management of Extra Space Storage, at 460 Somerville Ave., that a condition of their operation requires that they regularly clean the sidewalks on Somerville Ave. and Dane St. of litter and snow, per a 1998 agreement.
73. Order That the City Clerk advertise the community meeting to be held on February 25 at 7:00 PM, at the Lincoln Park Community School, to discuss Union Place, the new development on Webster Ave., and the next phase of the project and changes to the project.
74. Comm. **Submitted by Pres. White**
Re: the need to appoint an Alderman to the Traffic Review Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR

75. Requesting approval to sell the Broadway Theatre to Mudflat Pottery School.

76. Requesting approval of OHCD's 2002 One-Year (4/02-3/03) Action Plan.
77. Requesting approval of the retention of outside counsel in Timothy Doherty v. City of Somerville et. al.
78. Requesting a transfer of \$360,000 from the Salary Contingency Account to Fire Dept. Accounts.
79. Requesting an appropriation of \$676, 321 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Fire Dept.
80. Requesting a transfer of \$50,000 from the Contingency-Capital Project Account to the DPW Administration Capital Building Improvements Account.
81. Requesting a transfer of \$25,000 from the Contingency Account-Sick Leave Buyback to the Law Department Ordinary Maintenance Legal Services Account.
82. Requesting approval to pay Police Dept. prior year invoices totaling \$503.13.
83. Requesting that the President appoint two Aldermen to the Neighborhood Improvement Council Selection Committee.
84. Requesting confirmation of appointment for Lisa L. Mead of 13 Purchase St., Newburyport, to the position of City Solicitor.
85. Requesting confirmation of appointment for Joseph E. Favaloro of 27 Franklin St. to the Planning Board.
86. Requesting confirmation of appointment for James W. Kirylo of 200 Summer St. to the Planning Board.
87. Requesting confirmation of appointment for Mary R. Jeka of 11 Elston St. to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
88. Requesting confirmation of appointment for Stuart J. L. Gardner of 92 School St. to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
89. Requesting confirmation of appointment for John X. Zhang of 225 Cedar St. 1F to the Fair Housing Commission.
90. Requesting confirmation of appointment for Eleanor Rances of 75 Myrtle St. Apt. 108 to the Fair Housing Commission.

91. Requesting confirmation of appointment for Donna R. Haynes of 3 Sargent Ave. to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
92. Requesting confirmation of appointment for Jessica K. Baumgart of 271B Highland Ave. to the Woman's Commission.
93. Requesting confirmation of appointment for Thomas O'Connor, 18 Minnesota Ave. as a member of the Recreation Commission.
94. Requesting confirmation of appointment for Rodney Scott, 19 Chapel St. as a member of the Recreation Commission.
95. Requesting confirmation of appointment for the following individuals as sworn weighers: Leonard J. Melo, 3 Boulder Dr., Burlington, Antonio DePina, 439 Dudley St., Boston, Francisco Andrade, 12 Church St., Boston.
96. Requesting confirmation of re-appointment for the following individuals as constable: Daniel Willinger, 509 Fellsway East, Malden, Pierre Voss, 493 Broadway, Somerville, Timothy McGonigal, 39 Puritan Rd., Somerville, Frederick Mangone, 8 Doane Rd., Medford, Thomas Morehead, 410 Cambridge St., Cambridge, Berlin Haynes, 21 Elmwood St., Somerville, Susan Gardner Walsh, 31 Irving St., Somerville, Patrick Cassidy, 15 Avon St., Somerville, Frederick MacDonald, 10 Manning St., Roslindale, Herby Duverne, 1374 Broadway, Somerville, Ronald Butt, 73 Morrison Ave., Somerville.
97. Proclaiming the month of March 2002, as American Red Cross Month.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

98. Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Jan. 29
99. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Jan. 29
100. Report of the Committee on Public Health and Safety, Feb. 5
101. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Feb. 6
102. Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Works, Feb. 6
103. Report of the Committee on Finance, Feb. 12

- 104. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance and Legislative Matters, Feb. 12
- 105. Report of the Committee on Youth Services, Feb. 13
- 106. Report of the Committee on Information Technology, Feb. 13

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- 107. City Clerk conveying the Report of the Graffiti Task Force, dated April 14, 1997.
- 108. OHCD Director responding to #170695 re: renovations to Dilboy Field.
- 109. OHCD Director responding to #170677 re: Yard 21.
- 110. OHCD Director responding to #170670 re: lighting at Seven Hills Park, and bike racks and lighting at the Davis Sq. T Stop.
- 111. OHCD Director responding to #170659 re: Neighborhood meetings for Trum Field, including one on Feb. 19 at 7PM at the Sons of Italy Hall across from the park.
- 112. OHCD Director re: the Kiley Barrel site.
- 113. Library Director responding to #170673 re: renovations to the West Branch Library.
- 114. School Committee requesting a meeting with the Finance Committee meeting as a Committee of the Whole to discuss future funding of the School Dept.'s capital improvements.
- 115. School Committee requesting this Board's support of a one-year freeze in the state income tax decrease.
- 116. City Solicitor regarding #170461, a proposed lower Broadway zoning map amendment.
- 117. City Solicitor responding to #170665 re: the community home at 25 Fenwick St.
- 118. IT Director re: email addresses for Aldermen.
- 119. IT Director responding to #170674 re: City policy on electronic documents and the City's web site.

NEW BUSINESS

120. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 2**
A+ Auto Body Inc., 297 Medford St.
121. Used Car Lic Somerville Auto Brokers, 583 Broadway.
122. Flam. Lic. **Renewal of Flammables License**
Melo Tone Vending Inc., 130 Broadway, 4,202 Gallons.
123. Petition **Renewal for Automatic Amusement Devices**
Somerville Post 19, 124 Highland Ave., 1 Device.
124. Petition **Sign/Awning Over A Public Way**
Soprafina, 99 Beacon St., for a sign.
125. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy**
Tufts/Harvard cycling race, on March 23, from 7:30AM–6:00PM,
in the vicinity of the Tufts Campus.
126. Comm. **Communications**
Representative Pat Jehlen conveying material relative to FY03
local aid and inviting Aldermen and the public to a meeting on
the budget crisis on Feb. 26 at 7PM at the VNA Facility, 259
Lowell St.
127. Comm. Attorney Joseph Wishnow rescinding the request to transfer Taxi
Medallion #81, #170246.
128. Comm. Attorney Joseph Wishnow rescinding the request to transfer Taxi
Medallion #92, #169851.
129. Comm. Mildred and Lillian Galvin re: #170646, a petition for a
flammables License at 620 Broadway.
130. Comm. Coalition for the Environmental Bond requesting support for
Sec. 2F of H. 4213, the Environmental Bond.
131. Comm. Cambridge City Council, conveying support for Motion Pictures
Operators Union Local 182.
132. Comm. State Police responding to #170417 re: ticketing at the
intersection of Wheatland St. and Mystic Ave.
133. Comm. Mass. Highway Dept. providing notice of a Public Hearing on
replacement of the Cross St. Bridge, on Feb. 27 at 7PM in the
Aldermanic Chambers.

134. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**
Tarlochan Singh.
135. Claim Notice Hauke Kolster.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM